

City to Study Cultural Arts Group Plan

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HELP EACH OTHER . . . Eighth grader Karl Martenka (left) assists third grader David Smock at Seaside Elementary School during noon reading class. Karl is one of 12 students who give up their lunch hours to serve as tutors to youngsters needing help in reading. The youngsters would have had to wait on long lists to get into regular remedial reading classes.

Seaside Youngsters Help Slow Readers

A dozen Seaside Elementary School youngsters who were unable to get into a remedial reading class are getting extra help in reading this spring because an equal number of eighth graders have decided to give up part of their lunch hour.

Tutoring the group of first through third graders for half an hour each noon are 12 students who volunteered for the program last January when they learned that the younger children had to wait on a long waiting list to get into the regular class.

Volunteers meet once a week

Typewriter Taken From Realty Firm

An electric typewriter and an electric calculator, valued at a total of \$1,200, were taken sometime Monday evening from Reichert Realty, 5334 Torrance Blvd. Police said the burglar apparently pried the screen off a broken window, then lifted out pieces of broken glass to gain entrance.

JIM HUNT SELECTED CARRIER OF MONTH

A new carrier for the Press-Herald today was named Carrier of the Month for February by Clint Davey, Press-Herald circulation manager.

Eleven-year-old Jim Hunt, who began delivering the Press-Herald last Feb. 1, is being honored for his efforts at building his list of subscribers, Davey said.

Young Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hunt of 18413 Haas Ave., attends Hamilton Elementary School where he is in the seventh grade. He has played Little League baseball and enjoys fishing, hunting, and golf.

Jim has a brother, Ted, 14, who is in the eighth grade at Hamilton School and two sisters. They are Debbie, 17, a senior at North High School, and Jana, 11, who is in the sixth grade at Hamilton School.

The family has lived in Torrance for the past 11 years. Jim's father is employed by the AlResearch Manufacturing Co.



JIM HUNT

with Mrs. Fiona Knox, remedial reading teacher, to plan and evaluate their noon-time work. Under her guidance they help students on a one-to-one basis by listening to them read.

NOON-HOUR readers are making progress, Mrs. Knox reports.

Each time a reader adds another 25 to 50 words to his vocabulary, he boosts his standing in the noon-hour word club. For every five "browsing books" read to him by a member of his family or by himself, he is permitted to pin a monkey on a "monkey tree."

Volunteers have not ignored the regular remedial reading program, according to Mrs. Knox.

TWENTY-FOUR other eighth grade tutors meet each Monday on an individual basis with each of the regular remedial reading class members to administer word drills.

Lunchtime volunteers include:

Maureen Hanna, Debbie Geddes, Joette Mizrahi, Karl Martenka, Mike Rothermel, Kevin Callahan, Dan Daniels, Janice Elliott, Craig Dunn, Marilyn Bearden, and Pam Dill.

Trustees To Meet On Campus

The Torrance Board of Education will wind up a series of community meetings Monday evening when it meets at Torrance High School.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be the fourth to be held at the city's high schools this year.

Purpose of community meetings, according to Dr. Owen Griffith, president of the Board of Education, is to enable residents to attend board meetings close to home.

With the exception of the four special meetings, board meetings are held at the District Service Center, 2335 Plaza del Amo, the first and third Monday evenings of each month.

Man Gets \$241 from Area Store

A man armed with a small revolver robbed the Southland Corp., 4825 Torrance Blvd., late Thursday after ordering Zig-Zag papers from a clerk on duty.

The gunman entered the store about 10:30 p.m., ordered the papers, then pulled a revolver on the clerk and said, "I want all your money out of the drawer."

The man left the store after taking \$241.17 from the clerk. Police said the bandit wore a T-shirt and a brown jacket. He was about 5-feet-8, weighed 180 pounds, and has long brown and blond hair. He also wore a mustache.

Study Group Named

City Councilmen set up a committee Tuesday to study the possibilities of establishing a city Cultural Arts Council.

The committee will consist of one city staff member, and two representatives from each of the following commissions: City Beautiful, Parks and Recreation, and Library.

Councilmen set up the preliminary committee because they were unable to reach a consensus on one of several alternatives in promoting arts locally.

They could have:

- Set up an independent lay art council with no formal ties to city government;
- Established a Cultural Arts Commission; or
- Assigned the job of cultural expansion to one of the existing commissions.

COUNCILMAN Donald E. Wilson favored immediate establishment of the Cultural Arts Commission, commenting that local residents involved in the arts are in need of city encouragement and such a commission would get a program going quickly. He said it would be "ridiculous" to assign the job to existing commissions, which he believes already have enough work to do.

Councilman Orin Johnson said that two current commissions, Parks and Recreation and Torrance Beautiful, already have duties which overlap phases of cultural arts. He believes the city should use existing organizations to move in the direction of a stronger cultural program.

Councilman Ken Miller noted that cultural arts would have a "better chance of coming alive" if they were combined with current commissions. He said a separate commission could be set up. (See COUNCIL, Page A-2)



FOR CIVIC BEAUTY . . . City Councilman Ross Sciarrotta (left) presents a resolution plaque to Harry B. Gorman, manager of the Del Amo Financial Center, in honor of the center's winning the 1968-69 sweepstakes award for commercial landscaping. Sciarrotta made the presentation on behalf of the City Council because he proposed the resolution commending Del Amo Center management officials for winning the sweepstakes. (Press-Herald Photo)

Councilman Airs Views

Airport Seen as Field For Private Airplanes

City Councilman Orin Johnson sought to clarify his views on the Torrance Municipal Airport this week by stating that he envisions the field as a private, executive airport. He favors a policy of discouraging jets.

"My position has always remained the same," Johnson said of his airport views.

"I'm particularly concerned about the private flyer who used to be able to go to any number of airports around town. Torrance is about the only air field which remains open to them now in this area," Johnson said. If the city doesn't protect the Torrance facilities for these flyers, he added, they will have to drive for hours to get to a small airport.

people to become involved in the development of such a plan so that it will evolve into a plan everyone likes as much as possible.

He has proposed having local residents come up with general guidelines and then hiring a professional firm to prepare a precise plan.



PAM BENEFIT . . . Sharing honors with a brand new color television set are (from left) Robert Sleeth, Sam Failla, Robert Williams, and Ronald Berke, representatives of the many Torrance businessmen and service club members who have joined in helping accident victim Pam Fischer. The television will be given away to a lucky ticket holder Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Imperial Bank, with Mayor Albert Isen doing the honors. Area residents have been asked to buy tickets for \$1 to help defray Pam's staggering medical costs. Sleeth is past president of the Walteria Businessmen's Association, Failla is a restaurant owner, Williams is president of the Torrance Lions Club, and Berke is president of the Del Amo Ser-toma Club.

Newest Teaching Materials Shown

With the aid of three screens and seven projectors, Dr. Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent of educational media for the Torrance Unified School District, discussed latest developments in learning materials and equipment at a luncheon meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance Monday.

As a student and teacher enacted a simulated classroom situation on stage, Dr. Posner used slides and movies simultaneously to illustrate his talk "Media In Action — See How They Learn."

"Media," he said, "has always been used to establish the most effective learning conditions for the student."

HISTORICALLY, Dr. Posner stated, man did this by use of talk, chalk, and books. Today, Torrance students receive the answers to their questions through the aid of almost half a million books, films, study prints, tapes, records, and transparencies housed in the district's Educational Materials Center. Manning the center, he said,

150 Units In Line Of March

Some 150 marching units, led by grand marshal Ernie Menehune, will move down Torrance Boulevard tomorrow as the Torrance Irish Club stages its second St. Patrick's Day Parade here.

Menehune, known as "Hawaii's Sun-tanned Irishman," will head a line of march which will include 16 bands, numerous equestrian groups, drill teams and majorettes, and several floats, according to Police Lt. D. C. Cook, president of the Torrance Irish Club.

THE PARADE will form at El Prado and Cravens Avenue in downtown Torrance and move out at 10:30 a.m. for the 2.5-mile march. The parade route is north on Cravens Avenue to Torrance Boulevard, then west past the Civic Center to Madrona Avenue.

A reviewing stand will be located in front of the City Hall.

The parade, which also will include three bagpipe bands, will be led by the famed McLaglen Motor Corps and Menehune, a radio, television, and recording star from Honolulu, Hawaii.

ENTRIES will be judged in 32 categories, Lieutenant Cook said. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places in each category.

Past Irish Club presidents Robert Lydon and Robert O'Neill will ride with stewardesses from the Irish Air Lines.

Bands from North, Bishop Montgomery, Carson, Banning, and South High Schools are included in the line of march, Lieutenant Cook said.

Barristers Meet

The South Bay Bar Association has scheduled their meeting for March Thursday at the Palms Restaurant at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 8 p.m.

Included on this meeting's agenda are details on the newly completed financing program.

are a staff of seven professionals who "assume major responsibilities for evaluating, selecting, and circulating the finest materials available."

"Recruited from the ranks of the district's best teachers, staff members are dedicated to the challenge of research and development on the exciting growing edge of educational media for learning," he commented.

DEVELOPMENTS currently being researched by the staff include: closed circuit television for instruction of students and in-service training of teachers, microfilm, laser link and space satellite communications, computer-managed and computer-assisted instruction, and the possibilities of individualized instruction through cassette motion picture film and tape recordings. Dr. Posner pointed out, "Recently," he concluded, "the Board of Education filed for a license to operate a four-channel instructional TV system capable of providing help to teachers and supplementary instruction for students."